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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

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| INVENTOR: Juergen OTTEN | DOCKET NO.: 4604 |
| APPLICATION NO.: 10/755,049 | CONFIRM. NO.: 8705 |
| FILING DATE: January 8, 2004 | ART UNIT: 3722 |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: Clamping Mechanism | EXAMINER: M. TALBOT |

MS AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

May 8, 2006

Dear Sir:

- 1) For filing in the above application, we are enclosing:
- a) Response (12 pages) to the Office Action of December 8, 2005;
 - b) Term Extension Request; and
 - c) Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038).

- 2) No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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